

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the office action mailed June 30, 2004.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 were examined. Claims 1, 2, and 4-7 were rejected as anticipated by US 4,282,555 – Svedberg. Claims 3, 8, and 9 were held to define patentable subject matter, but were objected to as depending from rejected claims.

In response, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the patentable subject matter of claim 3. Claims 4-7 have been amended to depend from claim 1. New claim 10 has been added to present the patentable subject matter of original claim 8 in an independent claim. New claim 11 has been added to present the patentable subject matter of original claim 9 in an independent claim. Claims 2, 3, 8, and 9 have been canceled as superfluous.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4-7, 10, and 11, as amended, are allowable.

The drawings were objected to on several grounds. Specifically, the Examiner required that Figures 1 and 2 be labeled “PRIOR ART.” In addition, it was pointed out that the reference numerals “20c”, “32c”, “34c” and “38”, called out in the specification, were not shown in the drawings as filed. These objections have been addressed in the replacement drawing sheets submitted herewith, as explained above.

The Examiner also objected to the omission of drawings illustrating the subject matter of original claims 8 and 9, as filed. Accordingly, new drawing sheets are submitted herewith, which include new Figures 5 and 6, respectively illustrating the subject matter of original claim 8 (now incorporated in new claim 10) and of original claim 9 (now incorporated in new claim 11). The specification has been amended to make specific reference to the new drawing figures. No new matter has been added.

Finally, the title has been amended, as requested by the examiner, which accurately and concisely describes the invention as an “Overvoltage Protection Device”.

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It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.
Passage of the application to issue is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawings have been amended in accordance with the replacement drawings sheets, attached as an appendix hereto.

Replacement Sheet 1, including Figures 1 and 2, reflects the following amendments: The legend "PRIOR ART" has been added to Figures 1 and 2, and the reference numeral "38" has been added to Figure 2.

Replacement Sheet 2, including Figure 3, reflects the following amendments: The reference numerals "20c" and "34c" have been added, and the reference numeral "32" has been changed to "32c".

Replacement Sheet 3, including Figure 4, reflects the following amendment: The reference numeral "32" has been changed to "32c".

New Sheet 4 has been added to include a new Figure 5, which illustrates the embodiment defined in original claim 8 and now defined in new claim 10.

New Sheet 5 has been added to include a new Figure 6, which illustrates the embodiment defined in original claim 9 and now defined in new claim 11.